

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) A toothbrush, comprising:
 - a base;
 - a handle connected to said base; and
 - bristles containing a combination of both a far-infrared emitting material and multi-element minerals, said bristles being attached to said base, wherein said far-infrared radiation material is a blended mixture of powders including alumina (Al_2O_3), titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), silica (SiO_2), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO).
3. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 2, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises silicon-based minerals.
4. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 3, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.
5. (Previously Presented) A toothbrush, comprising:
 - a base;
 - a handle connected to said base; and
 - a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders including alumina (Al_2O_3), titania (TiO_2), ferrite (Fe_2O_3), chromium oxide (Cr_2O_3), silica (SiO_2), yttria (Y_2O_3), and magnesia (MgO), and a multi-element silicon-based mineral.
6. (Previously Presented) The toothbrush according to claim 5, wherein said multi-element silicon-based mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.
- 7-10 (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush, comprising:
 - a base;
 - a handle connected to said base; and
 - a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders includes at least one of titania

(TiO₂), ferrite (Fe₂O₃), chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃), yttria (Y₂O₃), and magnesia (MgO), and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, the blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powers includes alumina (Al₂O₃) and at least one of titania (TiO₂), ferrite (Fe₂O₃), chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃), yttria (Y₂O₃), and magnesia (MgO), wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

a plurality of bristles attached to said base, at least some of said bristles formed from a combination of a blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powders and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, the blended mixture of far-infrared emitting powers includes silica (SiO₂) and at least one of titania (TiO₂), ferrite (Fe₂O₃), chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃), yttria (Y₂O₃), and magnesia (MgO), wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The toothbrush according to claim 17~~ A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

bristles formed from a powder combination and nylon, the powder combination formed from a far-infrared emitting material and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, where the

powder combination is about 1% to 3% of volume of the nylon, and said bristles being attached to said base, wherein said far-infrared radiation material is a blended mixture of powders including alumina (Al₂O₃), titania (TiO₂), ferrite (Fe₂O₃), chromium oxide (Cr₂O₃), silica (SiO₂), yttria (Y₂O₃), and magnesia (MgO).

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The toothbrush according to claim 17~~ A toothbrush, comprising:

a base;

a handle connected to said base; and

bristles formed from a powder combination and nylon, the powder combination formed from a far-infrared emitting material and a multi-element silicon-based mineral, where the powder combination is about 1% to 3% of volume of the nylon, and said bristles being attached to said base, wherein said multi-element mineral comprises granite, perlite, pitchstone, and tourmaline.